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SUBJECT: PARTY SYMBOLS COMPLETED

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1. INDONESIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDI) FINALLY GOT PARTY SYMBOL APPROVED JULY 9 AFTER SEVERAL UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS. FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT REJECTION OF VARIOUS PDI SYMBOLS WHICH WERE ADJUDGED TOO SIMILAR TO NATIONAL PANCASIAL SUMBOL, PDI WON APPROVAL FOR NEW DESIGN INCORPORATING BANTENG (TYPE OF LOCAL CATTLE) HEAD, ONCE USED BY PNI AND SYMBOLIZING DEMOCRACY. ALSO INCLUDED IN PENTAGON FRAME SYMBOL ARE BRANCHES OF RICE AND COTTON AND OUTLINE OF BANYAN TREE, SYMBOLIZING SOCIAL JUSTICE AND NATIONALISM. ALL OF THESE APPEAR IN PANCASILA SEAL.

2. FOLLOWING APPROVAL OF PDI SYMBOL, DRAWING WAS HELD AT DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS FOR PARTY POSITION ON BALLOT. MUSLIM-BASED PPP GOT FIRST POSITION, GOLKAR SECOND, AND PDI THIRD. REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL THREE GROUPS PUBLICLY STATED SATISFACTION WITH RESULTS OF DRAWING. SINCE PREVIOUS ELECTIONS HAD TEN OR MORE PARTY SYMBOLS ON BALLOT THERE IS LITTLE BASIS FOR SPECULATION ON RELATIVE ADVANTAGES OF BALLOT POSITION AMONG THREE CURRENT SYMBOLS.

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